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DOMEI (JAPANESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOR) POLITICAL BUREAU DIRECTOR OGAWA, WHO COORDINATED PROGRAM OF JAPANESE DELEGATION ATTENDING INTERNATIONAL NGO CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT IN GENEVA FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2, TOLD LABATT APRIL 10 THAT HE FOUND GENEVA MEETINGS DOMINATED BY SOVIET-INSPIRED CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NEUTRON BOMB. INDIAN NGO DELEGATE CHANDESH APPEARED TO BE PRINCIPAL SPOKESMAN FOR SOVIET POSITION, WHICH CONTAINED HEAVY DOSE OF ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA. JAPANESE, SWEDES AND CANADIANS COUNTERED WITH ARGUMENT THAT ALL COUNTRIES NOW POSSESSING NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST AGREE TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. OGAWA SAID THAT JAPANESE DELEGATION HELD FAST TO CALL FOR UNIVERSAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IN SPITE OF FACT THAT IT CONTAINED REPRESENTATIVES RANGING FROM MIDDLE-OF-ROAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS TO MEMBERS OF JAPAN COMMUNIST PARTY. JAPANESE WERE SURPRISED, HOWEVER, TO FIND THAT EVEN SOME MEMBERS OF AMERICAN NGO DELEGATION SUPPORTED SOVIET VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT.MANSFIELD

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